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OF THE

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OFFICERS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

PRESIDENTS.	YEARS.
Isaac H. Hazelton	1875
Horace B. Sargent	1876
Chas. A. Longfellow	1877-1878
James N. Frye	1879-1880
Lucius L. Hubbard	1881-1882
Horace T. Rockwell	1883-1888
Lucius L. Hubbard	1889-1890
Nathaniel C. Nash	1891-1892
Horace T. Rockwell	1893
Jabez B. Fellows	1894-1895
Francis J. Rabbeth	1896-1897
Daniel L. F. Chase	1898-1900

SECRETARIES.	YEARS.
Charles A. Sawyer	1875-1876
Robert Williams	1877
Horace T. Rockwell	1878-1882
James E. Leach	1883-1886
Henry S. Harris	1887-1898
Chester A. Coombs	1899
Harold Hutchinson	1900

TREASURERS.	YEARS.
Frederick R. Shattuck	1875-1877
Salem Wilder	1878
Alpheus H. Hardy	1879-1880
Arthur C. Gould	1881
Jabez B. Fellows	1882-1883
George R. Russell	1884-1889
Walter C. Prescott	1890-1893
Charles H. Eastman	1894-1896
Sidney Gleason	1897-1900

A FEW FACTS CONCERNING THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In October, 1875, an article was published in the *Boston Journal* by Messrs. E. M. Messenger and Chas. A. Sawyer, urging persons interested in rifle shooting to come together and form a Rifle Association in Boston, and Nov. 4 of the same year the following notice was published in the *Boston Morning Journal*:

"There will be a meeting, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at the Bromfield House, 55 Bromfield Street, of those interested in the organization of a Boston Gun Club. A general invitation is extended to all who may desire to join the club or aid in its organization."

The above meeting was held, with about twenty persons present. Dr. I. H. Hazelton presided, and Mr. Chas. A. Sawyer was clerk. All present were in favor of forming a Rifle Club at once. Two committees were appointed — one to look up a range and the other to report at the next meeting a set of rules and by-laws for the new club. The persons present signed a document expressing their desire to form an association, and this paper was placed in the window of the gun store of Remington & Sons, 146 Tremont Street, for signatures of others who would like to become members. It was agreed that, until further notice, the shooting should be done at the Spy Pond Range. Numerous other meetings were held from time to time, and much hard work was done both at the Bromfield House and at Spy Pond.

The name "Massachusetts Rifle Association" was adopted Dec. 2, 1875. On Dec. 15, 1875, a charter

was granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Association was organized Dec. 17, with the following officers:

President ISAAC H. HAZELTON.
 Vice-President . . CHAS. E. SANBORN.
 Secretary CHAS. A. SAWYER.
 Treasurer F. R. SHATTUCK.

Board of Directors: C. E. Sanborn, W. H. Jackson, E. M. Messenger, E. T. Osgood, Geo. H. Adams, Chas. A. Sawyer, F. R. Shattuck.

The first shoot under the chartered organization was held at Spy Pond, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1876. After a long search for land suitable for a range, the land now owned by the Association at Walnut Hill was decided upon. It was purchased from its many different owners by the Boston & Lowell Railroad Company, and by that company leased to the Association, Sept. 21, 1876. The name "Walnut Hill Rifle Range" was adopted on that date. The last Association shoot at Spy Pond was held Oct. 28, 1876.

Prior to its purchase for range purposes the land at Walnut Hill was covered with woods. Much labor was expended in clearing the land, building pits for markers, and erecting targets. The first shoot was held Nov. 16, 1876, two targets being provided at 200 and 300 yards, and twenty-one marksmen taking part. The Creedmoor system of scoring was used, though the scores at that time were generally also kept by the "Massachusetts" system. Targets of cast-iron, made in sections, and bolted together at the back, were used in the early years, and these were being supplanted by steel when, about 1880, the change to the present system of paper targets was begun.

The first target at 500 and 600 yards was erected Dec. 19, 1876, and the first at 800, 900 and 1000 yards,

April 17, 1877. The target question and system of scoring to be used was discussed at the very first meeting of the Association, and after a quarter of a century the question is still a subject of discussion. The new range was opened in a public way by holding a Spring meeting, Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, 1877.

In the Fall of 1878 the first shooting house, or "winter shed," as it was called, was built at the 200-yard firing point. Until that time there was no shelter for the marksmen at any firing point save a portable canvas awning, which was moved from one position to another as it was required. An enclosed shed had been erected earlier, near the 900-yard firing point, for storage, and as a place for the sale of score-cards. Here the riflemen gathered in case of a shower and for refreshments, each bringing his own luncheon. This shed is now used for sheltering horses and for storage, near the present shooting house. The shooting house now in use, the third built by the Association, was erected in the summer of 1891, at a cost of more than \$3,000.

The land used as a range was purchased from the Boston & Lowell Railroad Company, Jan. 13, 1880. It comprised at that time 44.64 acres, and has been increased by subsequent purchase to about 50 acres. The two targets at 200 yards, which served all needs in 1876, have been increased to twelve; instead of one target at 500 yards there are now six; and one target at 1000 yards was increased to four. With the loss of interest in long-range shooting, the 1000-yard targets ceased to be used about ten years ago. A 50-yard range, now supplied with eight targets, was opened in 1887, chiefly for pistol and revolver matches, and a 25-yard range, with three targets, was opened in 1900.

As there have been so many loyal, devoted and hard-working members during the past 25 years, who have spent much time, money and energy in making the

Association what it is to-day, it is thought that by recording the names of some of these persons an injustice might be done to others, so mention has been made simply of the first board of officers and the following list of original members:

ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

Adams, Geo. H.	Loring, George A.
Bartlett, W. B.	Meiggs, Clarence U.
Clark, Alonzo P.	Messenger, E. M.
Cochrane, Hugh.	Milliken, E. H.
Corey, Chas. B.	Mooney, O. D.
Crosby, William.	Osborn, John B.
Cummings, J. A.	Osgood, E. T.
Danforth, C. B.	Parker, Chas. A.
Dittmar, Carl.	Poland, William.
Donahoe, M. T.	
Eldridge, James T.	Roberts, C. P.
Fisk, J. E.	Roberts, William.
Foster, John.	Robinson, A. A.
Frost, J. H.	Rockwell, Horace T.
Frye, James N.	
Garbett, W. A.	Sanborn, Chas. E.
Gerrish, William.	Sargent, Horace B.
Graves, W. C.	Sawyer, Chas. A.
Greene, Malcolm C.	Schaefer, Wm. R.
Hardy, Alpheus H.	Shattuck, F. R.
Harris, Henry S.	Skinner, H. A.
Hazelton, Isaac H.	Souther, E. B.
Hebbard, A. H.	Steinkrauss, C. L.
Higgins, Alfred.	Stevenson, John L.
Hull, E. B.	
Hunt, Dudley F.	Trull, Ezra J.
Hutchings, W. V.	
Jackson, Wm. H.	Webb, Dr. E.
Johnson, E. W.	Wemyss, C. C.
	Wemyss, James, Jr.
	Wheeler, Charles.
	Wilder, Chas. W.
	Wilder, Salem.
	Wilder, F. B.

Of the above list only four members are now active in the affairs of the Association.

THE

Massachusetts Rifle Association.

BY-LAWS.

I. NAME AND OBJECT.

This Association shall be called THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Its object shall be to promote rifle-practice in Massachusetts.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen members, chosen by the Association, and the Treasurer and Secretary, *ex-officio*. The officers shall be chosen annually by ballot by the members of the Association, with the exception of the President, who shall be chosen by the Directors from their own number, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead. The Directors shall also choose a counsellor, executive officers, and statistical officers, to hold their offices during the pleasure of the Board.

III. MANAGEMENT.

1. The Board of Directors shall control the affairs of the Association, take cognizance of all infractions of the Charter and By-Laws, and fill vacancies which may occur in the offices of the Association, until the time of the next annual meeting.

2. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five members.

3. The Board of Directors shall, for their government, from time to time, make rules and regulations and shooting-rules for the government of the Association, not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

4. The interpretation of the Rules and By-Laws shall rest with the Board of Directors.

5. Any Director may at any time examine the records of the Secretary, or inspect the accounts of the Treasurer.

6. The following Standing Committees, each to consist of three members, shall be elected by the Directors, during the month of January in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be:

Finance Committee, Range Committee, Membership Committee, Trap-Shooting Committee, and such other committees as may be deemed necessary.

The Directors shall also choose at the same time four of their own number, who, with the President, shall constitute an Executive Committee.

IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President of the Association, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall authorize the call of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall call special meetings of the Association at the request of four of the Board of Directors, or of ten members of the Association. He shall have the right, *ex-officio*, to be present at meetings of the committees.

2. The Secretary of the Association shall notify each member of the Board of Directors of all its meetings and each member of the Association of every meeting of the Association; issue all other authorized notices to members; post on the range a copy of all new rules made by the Directors; make and keep a true record of all meetings of the Directors and of the Association; have custody of the records and papers and the corporate seal of the Association, and conduct all correspondence.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, notices of meetings of the Association may be given by publishing the same in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in Boston; such notices to appear at least one week previous to the meeting.

3. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of the funds of the Association, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, and pay such bills as shall have been approved by the Finance Committee. He shall keep account of his transactions, and make a detailed report thereof, with vouchers annexed, when required by the Directors, and an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting. He shall have custody of the medals, trophies, and prizes of the Association. He shall order score-cards printed, and deliver the same to the Statistical Officer, as may be required. He shall give bonds in such sum as shall be fixed by the Directors.

4. The Statistical Officer shall keep a record of the statistics of the Association, and account and pay over to the Treasurer, weekly, all moneys received by him, less his disbursements in the various matches of the Association, with schedules giving an itemized account of the same, and shall be accountable to the Treasurer for all score-cards and other tickets received by him for the use of the Association. He shall direct the services of the clerical employees at the meetings for competition.

5. The Finance Committee shall have the general supervision of the finances of the Association. They shall, from time to time, examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Statistical Officer, and recommend such methods in keeping the same as may seem for the interest of the Association. No obligations of the Association beyond those necessary for current wants shall be made until the Finance Committee shall have considered and reported upon the necessity and propriety of the plan proposed.

6. The Range Committee shall have charge of the Range, and all the property of the Association connected therewith. They shall attend to the purchase of all necessary supplies for the use of the Range-keeper and the markers. They shall audit all claims and bills against the Association for labor on and supplies used at the Range. But this committee shall have no power to make contracts or purchases in the name of the Association, for anything more than the usual supplies, unless authorized by a formal vote of the Board of Directors. They shall appoint a Range-keeper, Markers, and such assistants as may be necessary, and direct their services. They shall require the Range-keeper to make returns of the property in his charge, which returns shall be examined and indorsed by the committee or its chairman, and presented to the Board of Directors. They shall make such temporary rules and regulations for the use of the grounds and the targets as shall seem necessary. They shall generally do and perform everything needful to protect the interests of the Association and secure a successful management of the Range.

7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association, not inconsistent with the powers and duties of other officers and committees as set forth, and shall report their action to the Directors for approval. They shall

inquire into and report upon all infractions of the rules and regulations of the Association by any of its members, and recommend action thereon.

V. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, and shall be called upon the request of three Directors.

2. All special committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered.

3. Any member of the Board who shall, in its opinion, conduct himself in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association, may be removed from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board at any stated meeting, provided the member accused shall have been personally notified, in writing, at least ten days previously, of the charges against him, and a hearing given him thereon at a stated meeting therein specified.

4. Neglect on the part of any Director to attend six successive meetings of the Board shall be deemed a tender of the resignation of his office. But the Board may excuse any member for such neglect, and, before his resignation is accepted, under this By-Law, the member in default must be specially notified of the same.

VI. MEMBERSHIP.

Any person desiring to become a member of the Association shall make written application in due form upon a blank furnished by the Association, and bearing the indorsement of two members in good standing. The application will be considered by the Directors,

and if action is favorable the applicant will become a member upon subscribing to the By-Laws and paying the admission fee of ten dollars.

VII. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

1. All members of the Association shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges.

2. All members shall subscribe to the By-Laws.

3. The annual dues, except for existing life members, who are exempt, shall be three dollars, payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, and if the annual dues of any member shall remain unpaid for four months thereafter, his membership shall cease, and he cannot be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears to the Association.

4. Any member can become a member for life by the payment in one sum of twenty-five dollars, and shall thereafter be exempt from all dues and assessments.

5. Any member who shall persistently refuse to pay any indebtedness to the Association shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, forfeit his membership, and he shall not be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears.

6. No member shall be allowed to transfer his rights of membership.

7. Any member whose conduct shall be pronounced, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Board, as endangering, or likely to endanger, the welfare, interest, or character of the Association, shall forfeit his membership. Such vote shall not be taken without giving two weeks' notice to the offender of the charges made against him, and affording him an opportunity of being heard in his defence.

8. Any member having complaints or suggestions to make as to the management of the Association must do so, in writing, to the Directors.

9. No member shall take any property whatever belonging to the Association, from its rooms or grounds except by authority of the Directors.

10. Any member wishing to resign shall make his resignation, in writing, to the Secretary, but his resignation shall not be accepted until all his dues are paid.

11. All rights and interest of a member in the property and privileges of the Association shall cease with the termination of his membership.

12. Non-members may be permitted to use the Range under such restrictions and on payment of such amount as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Range shall be free to members at such times as may be fixed by the Board; at other times each shooting-party must pay such rates of target hire as may be established by the Board of Directors: *provided*, that no targets shall be let to shooting-parties on match days of the Association, except at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

13. No betting, nor use of intoxicating drinks, nor any person under the influence of liquor, shall be allowed upon the premises of the Association.

VIII. MEETINGS.

1. The members of the Association shall hold an annual meeting on the second Tuesday of January in each year, and such special meetings as may be called pursuant to these By-Laws. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers and Directors shall hold over until their successors shall have been appointed.

2. Fifteen members present at a general or special meeting shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

IX. AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS.

Any proposition to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing, with the signatures of at least

ten members of the Association proposing the same, to the Board of Directors; the Directors shall consider it at their next meeting, and submit it to the Association at its next meeting, notice being given to all members of the proposed changes. A two-thirds vote of all members present shall then be required for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

RULES

GOVERNING COMPETITIONS.

I. MANAGEMENT.

1. All meetings for competitions shall be conducted by an Executive Officer and his assistants. In the absence from the Range of the Executive Officer and his assistants, the members of the Executive Committee shall assume charge in the order of their names as printed in the last annual report.

2. The Executive Officer shall have control of the Range for the conduct of matches, and shall give such directions to the employes of the Association as in his judgment are necessary for the proper management of the same, and for the preservation of order. He shall have power to appoint assistant officers, and to supply them with badges.

3. The Executive Officer and his assistants are required to see that the regulations, and such directions as the Executive Officer may give, are rigidly obeyed by competitors and all other persons upon the Range.

4. Any competitor feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Executive Officer or of the Statistical Officer may present to the Secretary a statement of his grievance in writing, which shall be handed at once to the Executive Committee for its consideration. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final, subject, however, to the discretion of said committee, or any two members of it, to refer the matter to the Board of Directors for its decision.

5. Any competitor in a prize match, feeling that he suffers an injustice by reason of the score of another competitor as recorded, may file a protest with the

Executive Officer. Such protest shall be filed as soon as practicable after the occurrence, and shall in every case be filed on the day of the occurrence, save when the protest charges fraud, in which case it may be filed at any time before the prizes for that competition are delivered. Such protest shall be in writing, in duplicate, and one copy shall be at once delivered to the party protested against, and the other to the Executive Committee for its consideration. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final, subject, however, to the discretion of the Committee, or any two members of it, to refer the matter to the Board of Directors for its decision.

II. RIFLES.

The rifles allowed in the competitions are: 1st, Military rifles; 2d, Any rifles, Massachusetts Rifle Association Rules; 3d, Any rifles, National Rifle Association Rules,—and must comply with the following conditions:

1. *Military Rifles* to be such as have been adopted by the United States Government, or any foreign government, or by any State or Territory for the use of its uniformed militia, except such rifles as have been specially issued to sharpshooters or for experimental purposes. Altering the sights or trigger pull of such rifles, except as authorized by the proper military authorities, is strictly prohibited.

2. *Any Rifle, Massachusetts Rifle Association Rules.* Rifle, any, without restrictions, except that rifles with less than 2 lbs. trigger pull must be provided with safety lock; any sights, except such front aperture sights as solid discs or bushes pierced in the centre, which cover the target so as to conceal the danger signal when displayed.

3. *Any Rifle, National Rifle Association Rules.* Maximum weight ten pounds; minimum pull of trigger three pounds; sights of any description, except telescopic, magnifying, and such front aperture sights as

solid discs or bushes pierced in the centre, which cover the target so as to conceal the danger signal when displayed.

4. Competitors shall submit their rifles and ammunition to the officer in charge for inspection whenever required.

III. TARGETS.

The following-described targets may be used on any occasion ordered by the Directors:—

STANDARD AMERICAN TARGET, 4 × 6 feet.

Count 12.	Bull's-eye, circular, 1.41 inches diam.
" 11.	" " 2.33 " "
" 10.	" " 3.36 " "
" 9.	" " 5.54 " "
" 8.	" " 8.00 " "
" 7.	" " 11.00 " "
" 6.	" " 14.80 " "
" 5.	" " 19.68 " "
" 4.	" " 26.00 " "
" 3.	" " 34.22 " "
" 2.	" " 46.00 " "
" 1.	4 × 6 feet.

The 11-inch bull's-eye, with black or white centre, will be allowed in all Matches at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

GERMAN RING TARGET.

Bull's-eye, 12 inches. The whole target, including bull's-eye, divided into circles $\frac{3}{4}$ inch apart, the centre circle being $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and counting from 25 down to 1.

COLUMBIA TARGET.

Bull's-eye, 12 inches. The whole target, including bull's-eye, divided into circles $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart, the centre circle being 1 inch, and counting from 1 down to 27.

CREEDMOOR TARGET.

The targets, commonly known as Creedmoor targets, shall be divided into three classes, as follows:—

1. *First Class*, to be used at all distances over 600 yards. Target, 6×12 feet.

Bull's-eye, circular, 36 inches in diameter.

Centre " 54 " "

Inner, square, 6×6 feet.

Outer, 6×12 feet.

2. *Second Class*, to be used at all distances over 300 to and including 600 yards. Target, 6×6 feet.

Bull's-eye, circular, 22 inches in diameter.

Centre " 38 " "

Inner " 54 " "

Outer, 6×6 feet.

3. *Third Class*, to be used up to and including 300 yards. Target, 4×6 feet.

Bull's-eye, circular, 8 inches in diameter.

Centre " 26 " "

Inner " 46 " "

Outer, 4×6 feet.

Brown paper targets will be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

RATES FOR LETTING TARGETS AT WALNUT HILL.

1. *To Members of the M. R. A.* 50 cents for opening one target, including the use of the target for the first hour to any number of shooters, and 25 cents per hour for further time.

2. *Non-Members*, except guests of members, will each be charged 50 cents per hour when shooting on a target let to members.

3. *To Non-Members, Not Members of the M. V. M.* \$1.00 for opening one target, or per hour, for one

shooter only, and \$1.25 if two or more shooters are using the target.

4. *To Members of the M. V. M.* \$1.00 for opening one target, or per hour, for any number of shooters.

IV. MARKING, SCORING, AND SIGNALLING.

The value of shots on all targets, except military, at the 200-yard range, is shown on a clock-face dial placed near the target, and the location of shots by an indicator plug placed in the bullet-hole.

1. On Creedmoor target. Bull's-eye counts 5; signal, white disc. Centre counts 4; signal, red disc. Inner counts 3; signal, white and black disc. Outer counts 2; signal, black disc. Shots missing the target; signal, red flag waved, right and left, in front of the target.

2. Challenges will only be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Officer, and the challenging party must deposit fifty cents, to be forfeited in case the challenge is not sustained. The Executive Officer may, in his discretion, challenge the marking of any shot the allowance of which would be unjust to other competitors, and correct the score accordingly.

3. Any objection to the scoring of a shot as signalled, or to one not signalled, must be made before another shot shall have been fired on the same target.

4. Scorers will, in cases where two discs of differing value are shown for one shot on a Creedmoor target, record the value of the one first shown; but it shall be the right of the shooter to challenge the scoring (without being required to deposit), and the Executive Officer may decide upon the evidence the actual value of the shot. Where two shots strike the target simultaneously, the shooter shall have scored to him the shot of the higher value.

5. Score-keepers shall, as each shot is signalled, call in a loud voice the name of the competitor and the value of the shot, and, at the conclusion of the score of each

competitor, announce in like manner his name and total score.

6. All competitors shall be allowed to examine the records of the score-keeper during the progress of the match, but in such a manner as not to interfere with or inconvenience the score-keeper.

7. Any alteration of a scoring-ticket must be witnessed by an officer in charge of the firing-point, and indorsed with his initials.

8. Unfinished scores shall be considered worthless after having been withdrawn from the scorer, and no shots can be claimed under or by virtue of the same after having been so withdrawn.

9. No scorer is allowed to have at one time more than one score-card for each shooter (except at trap-shooting), and no shooter is allowed to shoot without having an unfinished score-card deposited with the scorer.

10. Every accidental discharge and every shot fired at the wrong target shall be recorded a miss.

V. POSITION.

1. *Off-Hand.* Standing, free from any artificial support.

2. *Rest.* Any position, but sliding carriages not allowed.

VI. TIES.

Ties shall be decided as follows.

1. In single-score matches, on all targets, the score containing the fewest shots of the lowest value shall rank highest; if still a tie it shall be decided by inverse order of shots; and, if still a tie, by each competitor shooting three shots, until decided.

2. Ties in reentry matches shall be decided by the next highest score or scores.

3. No score with handicap shall exceed a perfect score.

4. Competitors who have to shoot off ties will be notified as soon after each match as practicable. When the ties are shot off, one sighting-shot shall be allowed without charge. Competitors not present at the firing-points at the hour named for shooting off the ties lose their right to shoot, and will be placed accordingly.

VII. PENALTIES.

1. Competitors must make themselves acquainted with the regulations, as the plea of ignorance will not be entertained.

2. Any person missing the target repeatedly may be barred from further shooting at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

3. A competitor failing to report at the time and target to which he is assigned, or shooting at pool or practice after the hour set for the simultaneous opening of a match, shall forfeit his entry. (The last clause will not prevent pool-shooting between scores in reentry matches.) Any member shooting at pool or practice between shots of a score shall forfeit the score.

4. Rifles may be discharged only in firing at the target in pools or matches, when the danger-flag is not exposed, or into such warming-pits as may be designated, and any competitor or other person discharging a rifle otherwise, or having a loaded shell inserted in his gun while elsewhere than upon the actual firing-point, may be disqualified at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

5. Any violation of rules or discreditable conduct which the Executive Officer may consider of such magnitude as to require it, shall be reported to the Directors for their action.

VIII. GENERAL RULES.

1. Temporary discontinuance of matches, on account of bad weather, and the closing limit for receiving entries, shall be at the discretion of the Executive Officer.
2. Members' entry tickets must be marked with the purchaser's name at the time of purchase. They may be transferred to another member at any reasonable time by the Statistical Officer. Any erasure or substitution of name by the holder will forfeit the ticket.
3. In single-entry matches no entry shall be made after the firing begins if any participant objects.
4. Competitors shall have choice of prizes unless otherwise stated.
5. Bull's-eye certificates not presented within thirty days, and prizes not claimed within three months after having been won, shall be forfeited to the Association.
6. No more than four shooters shall be allowed on any one target, except at the discretion of the Executive Officer.
7. No competitor shall be allowed to use more than one name besides his own in any one prize match.
8. All match and prize shooting at the range on regular shooting days shall be done between the hours of 8.30 o'clock, A.M., and 5.30 P.M., and no score-card shall be received by the scorers after 5.15 P.M.
9. Members may introduce guests, who may be granted members' shooting privileges in practice matches, for one day, with the approval of the Executive Officer.
10. No person but the scorer shall be allowed to use the electric signals for targets, and any shooter using such signal shall forfeit his score.
11. All competitors and other persons must preserve order and decorum, submit to the direction and decisions of the Executive Officer, and make all objections

and protests, if any, to the proper officials, in a manner which will not disturb others.

12. Regular shooting days shall be every Saturday, every Wednesday afternoon, and every legal holiday except the Fourth of July, unless otherwise ordered by the Directors; also such other days as the Directors may order.

TRAP-SHOOTING MATCHES.

All competitions at Trap-Shooting shall be conducted according to the rules of the Massachusetts State Trap-Shooting Association.

RULES FOR PISTOL AND REVOLVER SHOOTING.

1. In all matches, when not otherwise mentioned, either the single-shot pistol, magazine pistol, or revolver will be permitted upon equal conditions; but if matches call for any particular arm the shooting must be done with that arm.

2. Classification of Arms—A. "Military revolver;" B. "Any revolver;" C. "Pocket revolver;" D. "Magazine pistol;" E. "Any pistol."

A. "Military revolver:" A revolver that has been adopted by any government for armament of its army or navy, or that is constructed for military service, provided it conforms in model, trigger pull, sights, and ammunition, to revolvers used in military service; minimum trigger pull, four pounds; the front and rear sights must be fixed. Sights unfit for military service shall not be allowed on military revolvers.

B. "Any revolver:" A revolver of any caliber; maximum length of bore, including cylinder, 10 inches; minimum trigger pull, $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds; a lateral sliding bar or wind gauge may be used on rear open sight, also any elevating front or rear open sight; sights must not be more than ten inches apart.

C. "Pocket revolver:" A revolver of maximum length of bore, exclusive of cylinder, 4 inches; minimum trigger pull, $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. The sights and handles must be of such form as to permit ready removal from pocket.

D. "Magazine Pistol:" A pistol with a magazine other than a revolving magazine; maximum length of bore, 10 inches; minimum trigger pull, four pounds.

E. "Any pistol:" maximum length of bore, 10 inches; minimum trigger pull, two pounds; a lateral sliding bar or wind gauge may be used on rear open sight, also any elevating front or rear open sight; sights must not be more than ten inches apart.

3. Sights for all Revolvers and Pistols—The front and rear sights must be open; the notch of a rear sight, to be considered open, must be as wide at the top of the notch as at any part; the use of a notch for a front sight will not be permitted. No aperture or peep sights, nor any manner of covered sights, shall be permitted. Sights may be smoked or blackened in any desired manner.

4. Ammunition—If factory ammunition is called for, it shall be of any make, of any established manufacturer, generally procurable in the open market, and brought to the shooting point in unbroken boxes, with the label of the manufacturer intact.

5. Loading, Firing and Cleaning—In match shooting competitors may clean their arms between scores or between series of shots, provided such cleaning does not delay the firing, which shall be at the rate of at least one shot a minute, when no special time limit is required. In case of accident, the time may be extended at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

In matches confined to revolvers, the cylinder must be fully charged, or a sufficient number of chambers charged to complete the score or series. With magazine pistols the magazine must be fully charged or contain sufficient cartridges to complete the score or series. Blowing into or cleaning the barrel in any way will not be permitted, except when the cylinder is completely discharged or the magazine is empty.

No arms shall be loaded except at the firing point, the muzzle of piece being kept in the direction of the target till the arm is either discharged or unloaded.

Misfires shall not count; but an accidental discharge shall, in every instance, be scored a shot.

6. Position—The position shall be as follows: Standing, free from any artificial support, the pistol or revolver held in one hand only, with the arm extended free from the body, and unsupported in any way.

7. Targets—The 200 yards Standard American target shall be used in matches at 50 yards distance with "any revolver" and "any pistol." The same target reduced to one-half size in matches at 30 yards distance. The same target reduced and having a $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bull's-eye, in matches at 20 yards distance.

The United States 200 yards target, with elliptical bull's-eye, shall be used in all military matches with "military revolver" and with "magazine pistol" at 50 yards.

Any other target approved by the Executive Committee may be used at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

8. Marking and Scoring—Unless otherwise specified each competitor shall have a separate target provided. As far as possible all shots shall be spotted through the telescope as fired, and recorded on the score-card. Each competitor shall fire his score throughout, when the target will be examined by the scorer and any doubtful shots recorded.

When shooting 10-shot pistol or revolver scores, if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer that a shot has been fired on the target by another shooter, such shot may be thrown out, or $1/11$ subtracted from the total of the 11 shots, all fractions to be disregarded.

If a bullet touches a line the count of that line is given; shots on or within that line count the same. The eye alone shall determine the count. Placing a bullet or other article in the shot hole by any competitor or scorer is not permitted.